

Parish of St Theodore Cranbrook, Kent
together with
Benenden, The Chapel of Our Lady and St Joseph

Together with Staplehurst, Sissinghurst and Sandhurst

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Newsletter

✠ **SUNDAY 20 September 2026-Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A) – p 778**

Collection for Home Mission Sunday

First Reading- Isaiah 55: 6-9; **Psalm** 145 (144): 1-18; **Second Reading-** Philippians 1: 20-24, 27; **Gospel-Matthew** 20: 1-16

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1. **Missal Guide-** Intro- **523**; Creed- **541**; Euch Prayer I- **593**, II- **605**, III- **613**, IV- **623**; Communion Rite- **633**
2. **Get Involved in Parish Life!** – We warmly invite you to join one of our parish teams – the Church Cleaning Team, the Flower Decoration Group, the Prayer Group, the Tea and Coffee Ministry or consider becoming a Lay Reader.
3. **Exciting News!** Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion will begin soon at St. Theodore's. We warmly invite all children in **Year 3 or older** to join us for this special journey of faith and discovery. If you are interested, please contact Fr Barry (01580 713364) or Margaret (01580 891187)
4. There is a collection box for **Nourish** in the church entrance at St Theodore's
5. Please consider helping the valuable work of **Mary's Meals** see [Mary's Meals UK Charity - Helping to Feed Hungry Children Living in Poverty Worldwide](#) | [Mary's Meals UK](#)
6. **This Sunday**, there is a second collection for **Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission Sunday)** which helps to spread the gospel in our own country with a focus on parish evangelisation. See here for a reflection of the day [Home Mission Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
7. The **Ambassadors for Christ** project continues throughout the year as it tries to deepen our understanding of our faith, so we can be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church- see [Archdiocese of Southwark - YouTube](#)
8. Archbishop John Sherrington of Liverpool, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has thanked those who wrote to their MPs to stop the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill*- [Archbishop thanks those who united to defeat assisted suicide Bill - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
9. **October is a month for the Rosary**. For those who recite five decades of the rosary in church or at home as a family gain a plenary indulgence daily. A partial indulgence is available for those who recite the Litany of Loreto ([Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Wikipedia](#)) and the Prayer to Saint Joseph ([Prayer to Saint Joseph - Wikipedia](#)). For more details see [Liturgical Year : October, Month of the Holy Rosary | Catholic Culture](#)
10. **Friday October 2** is the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day with a collection on Sunday 4 October

Dates for your diary?

1. **Day for Catechists-** Our annual Day for Catechists is on Saturday 3 October 2026 at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Register here - <https://acc.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026>.
2. **Grief in Loss Weekend Retreats 2026** at Aylesford Priory on **9th -11th October-** For anyone who has experienced bereavement, whether recently or some time ago. We grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection of Jesus. To book see [thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Grief In Loss Retreats 2026/](https://thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Grief+In+Loss+Retreats+2026/)
3. **Aylesford Christmas Fayre** on **28th to 29th November-** This year's main entertainment provided by Keep Calm and Book Us. There will be walkabout characters, shows, and all kinds of festive magic. Ride Lennie the Land Train, visit Santa, drink a glass of Mulled wine whilst listening to local performing groups etc. See [thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Christmas Fayre/](https://thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Christmas+Fayre/)

As always, I ask for **your prayers** for the wellbeing of the sick of this parish -----

God bless you all– Father Baz

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There is a Mass on Monday-Friday at 10.00 am in the Presbytery (unless otherwise stated)

Monday	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday	St Thomas of Villanueva (d. 1555)
Wednesday	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) (d. 1968)
Thursday	Our Lady of Walsingham
Friday	10:00 -Mass at St Theodore's 10.30 – Rosary
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✠ SUNDAY 27 September 2026-Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A) – p 782

First Reading- Ezekiel 18: 25-28; **Psalms** 25 (24): 4-9; **Second Reading-** Philippians 2: 1-11; **Gospel–Matthew** 21: 28-32

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For details on feasts- for St Matthew see [CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Matthew](#); for St Thomas of Villanueva see [St. Thomas of Villanueva - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for St Padre Pio see [St. Padre Pio - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#); for Our Lady of Walsingham see [History of the Catholic National Shrine - Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady \(walsingham.org.uk\)](#);

Parish Contacts [all 01580 – except Tony and Margaret(A-M) which are mobile numbers]

Welfare Group: Father Barry 713364 or Judy on 892159. If you, or you know anyone who needs help, or Someone to talk to, **please contact us and we will do all we can to help.**

Preparation for Sacraments: Father Barry 713364 or Margaret 891187

Prayer Group: Thea 713882; Marie 713712; Tony 07812 159353; Judith 892159 Margaret (A-M) 07871 346343; Eileen 713126; the intention of the group is to pray for the same request on the same day. Telephone any member and your prayer request will be passed on to all the other members

Rosary Group – every Friday at 10.30 am [following the 10 am Mass]. If anyone would like to attend, please do come along, we would love to see you. Do come if you can.

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Website- <https://www.sttheodore-cranbrook.org/>

Newsletter- cranbrookgac@rcaos.org.uk - if you would like to receive an electronic copy please send your email address to editor or fill in the slip at the back of the church *Newsletter- 200926f*